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CONGRATULATIONS



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ROYAL UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

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"الإعتمادية من مجلس التعليم العالي"

THE FIRST PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN TO ACHIEVE
"HEC ACCREDITATION"

This is an attestation of the fact that
RUW is a place "Where Women Excel"

Royal University for Women receives
HEC Accreditation



With great pleasure and honor, Royal University for Women would like to announce the Higher Education Council (HEC) announcement in its meeting number 2017/40 dated February 09, 2017 and decision no. 2017/3/475 that the Royal University for Woman has successfully received the HEC Accreditation.

With this great achievement, RUW has become the first private university in the Kingdom of Bahrain to obtain the prestigious Accreditation status. This achievement will with no doubt exhibit the quality of education received by the students when applying for further studies or pursuing their careers. The accreditation process (Self Evaluation Report writing, site visit preparation, evidence categorization) was spearheaded by the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Unit and involved each and every member of the university. Furthermore, eight teams were formed to lead the writing of the report. Team leaders were Mr. Parsa Zoqaqi, Dr. Mona Suri, Dr. Hala Elias, Dr. Janon Kadhim, Ms. Mariam Ameen, and Ms. Sameenah Shirazie, with Mr. Parsa and Dr. Mona supervising two standards each. Two site visits were conducted by an inspection team from the British Accreditation Council (BAC) in collaboration with the HEC. The first visit was for four days and it took place during the period 7th till 10th December 2015. The visit consisted of extensive meetings with the University's Senior Management, the academic management, a representative group of students, alumnae, and external stakeholders. The second visit took place in May 2016 and involved interviewees with faculty and staff and submission of additional documentation.

Following the accreditation announcement, RUW held a celebration ceremony on February 16, 2017 at the University premises, and it was attended by the Board members, RUW management and all members of staff. The ceremony started with a speech by RUW president Professor Mazin Jumah, followed by a speech by Mr. Fahad Al Zamil, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The achievement of the HEC Accreditation proves the fact that success is not an incident, rather a result of rigid planning and a consistent and collective contribution from each and every member of RUW. RUW is proud to have received this prestigious status and will continue to aim higher and obtain international accreditation. This is just a beginning!

Royal University for Women and Dar Al Hekma University sign
Memorandum of Understanding



Following the Higher Education Council approval on February 16 of the Memorandum of Understanding between Royal University for Women and Dar Al Hekma University, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a delegation led by RUW President, Prof. Mazin Jumaah traveled to Jeddah from February 20-22, 2017. RUW President and team visited Dar Al Hekma and met with Dar Al Hekma President, Dr. Suhair Al Qurashi and deans and directors to discuss next steps in collaboration. The signature of the MOU was a high profile event organized during the opening session of the Gulf Education conference in front of an audience of more than 500 people, in presence of His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Ahmed Al Issa, Minister of Education of Saudi Arabia as well as 27 Government Universities Presidents or Vice Presidents, 10 private Universities Presidents and 50 College Deans from various private universities. Dar Al Hekma is high reputable institution in the region and has a lot in common with RUW: similar colleges (Business and Law, Art and Design...), a similar vision and mission promoting women leadership and entrepreneurship, a string network of highly qualified alumnae, state of the art facilities and international exposure and partners. This MOU would allow both institutions to collaborate in student and faculty exchange, benchmarking, curriculum collaboration, organization of conferences and research.

Royal University for Women Delegation attends the 6th Gulf
Education Conference and Exhibition



On February 22-23, a RUW delegation led by Prof. Mazin Jumaah, RUW President attended the 6th annual Gulf Education conference and exhibition hosted at the University of Business and technology in Jeddah, KSA. The conference was under the patronage of the His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Ahmed Al Issa, Minister of Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. RUW had participated to the 2013 event in London. The conference gathered representatives from higher education institutions from the region and beyond, government officials, and students. The 2017 event included for the first time an exhibition featuring universities from all over the world including Royal University for Women. The goal of the conference was to enable higher education leaders from the Gulf region and beyond to share their experiences, have regional and international experts present the latest trends in the field and facilitate partnerships between institutions. On the first day of the conference, the plenary session witnessed the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between Royal University for Women President, Prof. Mazin Jumaah and Dar Al Hekma University President, Dr. Suhair Al Qurashi Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in presence of His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Ahmed Al Issa, Minister of Education. Prof. Mazin Jumaah was also invited to chair a session on "Capacity building among Women". The high caliber session featured Dr. Sharifa Al Yahya, former Minister of Social Development in the Sultanate of Oman, Dr. Luilwa Al Mutlaq, Vice-Rector for Female branch University of Business and Technology and Dr. Saleha Abedin, Advisor to the President and Dean of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at Dar Al Hekma University. Dr. Mazin presented an overview of universities for women in the world and raised the question for the panel on the main factors driving women only education.

In Celebration of National Charter Day; RUW Welcomes Leading
Shura Council Members in Lively Debate



The Royal University for women celebrated the 16th anniversary of the national action charter on February 20, 2017. The University for this occasion has invited distinguished women members of the Shura council Her Excellency Ms. Zahwa Mohammed Al Kawari and Her Excellency Ms. Jameela Ali Salman to pass on their unique experience to the students of the Royal University through an open dialogue. The Shura members in the dialogue with the students discussed the significance of awarding Her Royal Highness Princess Sabika bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, the Arab women medal in recognition of her role contributions to uplifting Arab women in general and in particular the Bahraini women and announcing Manama as the capital of Arab women of 2017. Prof. Mazin then thanked the officials for their participation in the event and appreciated the transparency and honesty the Shura members reflected in their response and discussion with the students and how they have set an example for the female students to follow them as role idols.

Royal University for Women participates in Ministry of Education
National Charter Celebrations



Royal University for Women participated in the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Higher Education Council (HEC) National Charter Celebrations on February 14th 2017. The celebrations included a truck float parade whereby each university decorated a truck and a pre-planned route was taken to show the trucks to the public and an RUW booth in the national charter building outdoor area showcasing the projects of each of the colleges at RUW. The Royal University for Women truck as designed to include represent the university in the best manner with the RUW crest in the centre and quotes in support of the charter decorated on the sides as well as symbols to women and empowerment. Royal University for Women staff and students participated in the parade by physically being on the truck and it was truly a memorable and enjoyable experience. Reflecting on the experience, Ms. Doris Martin, Director of Student Affairs at RUW lauded the team effort in the production of the truck and the national pride displayed by all involved. This is the third year running that RUW has participated in the celebrations with a specifically designed custom made truck.

Kent University Delegation visits RUW



On February 19, 2017, Dr. Anthony Manning, Dean of Internationalization at Kent University visited RUW accompanied by Ms. Fiona Jones, Head of Philanthropy and Supporter Engagement. The visit was an opportunity to meet RUW President, Vice-President Academic, Deans and International Affairs Officer to discuss possible areas of collaboration. The leading university, ranked among the best in the UK by three national league tables: The Guardian University Guide, The Times Good University Guide and The Complete University Guide is 50 year old and counts 20,000 students ranked 17th in the UK for the intensity of its excellent research, out of 122 multi-faculty universities.

Royal University for Women Delegation participates in the
INQAAHE 2017 Conference



Royal University for Women delegation led by Prof. Mazin Jumaah, RUW President participated in the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) 2017 Conference on the theme "Between Collaboration & Competition: The Promises & Challenges for Quality Assurance in Higher Education" held at Gulf Hotel, Kingdom of Bahrain, from 28 February 2017 to 02 March 2017. The 2017 INQAAHE Conference was organized and hosted by The Education & Training Quality Authority (BQA) under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa Deputy Prime Minister - Chairman of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training. The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) is a world-wide association of near 300 organizations active in the theory and practice of quality assurance in higher education.

Alumna of the Month



Ms. Seham Yateem
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Her Words:

"My university years have been quite a journey into understanding how would I want to pave my future path. I never saw myself joining the university but was privileged to be awarded a scholarship for a Bachelor in Art & Design, which was the start of my RUW trip. Four years later, I graduated with high distinction and have experienced a lot, I'd list a couple of advices I would have for every undergrad out there. 1) Learning is beyond the classroom walls: I have learned so much more from participating in extracurricular activities and practical experiences than I ever would from theory in classes. 2) Do what you love! Stop worrying so much about what you should be doing and focus more on what you want to be doing. If you're not changing the world in dramatic ways, it's because you're too afraid to find your passion and follow it. You're not striving to graduate to end up in a mundane job that you can't stand; aim for a lifelong career with what you're passionate about. Also, lose the painful heels and endless hours of beautifying yourself in the morning, you've got more important things to worry about. 3) Take a chill and think for the long term. Pick your battles wisely and it's not cool to be stupid. Things are not ever as risky as they seem, people always overweigh risk. I wasted too much time doing what I thought I was supposed to do. Take big risks and embrace fragility to chase your dreams. 4) Be an original and don't be a sheep that follows the herd. One thing I couldn't stand is that most girls at RUW looked exactly the same and thought, talked and walked exactly like each other; where is the YOUniqueness in that? There's beauty that lies in differences, make sure you voice yourself with your originality! 5) Always make time EVERY DAY to take care of your health. Utilize the university's gym or sport facilities, park further away to walk more to class, take the stairs rather than the lift. You won't get the success you're studying for if you don't take care of your health too. 6) Unless we get replaced by robots, it's all about relationships. Invest "all in" on building relationships and never stop investing. Put that ego aside and smile to others and put the effort in getting to know people and growing your network. Focus on building knowledge, experience and confidence first. Rewards will come later. 7) Don't stress so much. The hardest moments of your life in your 20s will provide some of the greatest lessons that will come in handy later. 8) It's better to be the most interesting one in the room rather than the most prettiest.

My growth and development would not have happened if it wasn't for participating in activities like the BUMUN or being a part of a global youth movement called AIESEC. I now realize I am not limited to getting a job based on my major because I'm skilled and good in many other things, that's why hat I'm doing now doesn't directly link to my major. But that's okay, I've succeeded in my career and most of all, I'm happy where I am now."

Achievements:

- Selected as a speaker for more than three different countries in 2016 for youth development conferences.
- Awarded 'Influential Youth of the Region' from the GCC UN youth development programme.
- Her travel blogs have been featured in various social platforms, including AP region magazines.
- Invited on Radio Bahrain to share her experience in a global youth-run organization like AIESEC.

Community Education Committee members attend the Bahrain Indonesian Friendship Society Dinner

On 28th January, the Community Education Committee members attended the Bahrain Indonesian Friendship Society dinner. It was hosted by the Society President Hana Abdullah Kanoo. Educators, business community leaders, diplomats and government officials attended this event.

Faculty of the Month

Dr. Hanaa Malallah, Associate Professor, College of Art & Design



Dr. Hanaa Malallah

Hanaa Malallah studied Fine Art in Baghdad with an emphasis on graphics and painting. In 2005 her thesis concerning the logic order in Mesopotamian drawing gained her a PhD in the Philosophy of Painting. She has taught and lectured widely at a several faculties of the University of Fine Arts in Baghdad. At the end of 2006 she left Iraq for an artist residency at the Institute du Monde Arabe in Paris and from there followed the call of a fellowship offered by SOAS in London in 2008. She held a fellowship at the Chelsea College of Art in London from 2011 to 2013, currently, she works as associate professor at Royal University for Woman (RUW) in Bahrain and concentrates on researches. Her work graces numerous private collections, art centres and museums, including the Centre for Modern Art, Baghdad, the Jordan National Museum Amman, The British Museum, The Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha, The Barjeel Art Foundation, Sharjah. Hanaa Malallah is internationally acclaimed for her material-focused practice and her philosophical/spiritual explorations into the nature of being and not being. She lives and works in London, but now work in Bahrain at Royal University for Women (RUW).

RUW College of Law participates in the 7th Annual Willem C. Vis Middle East International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot



RUW College of Law participated in the 7th Annual Willem C. Vis Middle East International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot, held at the Kuwait International Law School, Kuwait, from 7th to 11th February. The team, composed of 6 students from the 3rd and 4th year, Ms. Amina Abdul Jabbar Mohamed Saleh Abdulla, Ms. Sara Jassim Abdulla, Ms. Noor Sami Alalawi, Ms. Haya Zaal Albulfassa, Ms. Reem Hassan El-Asaad, Ms. Fatema Fadhel Almedaifa, under the supervision of the coach Dr. Maria Casoria, attended the regional competition for the second year and for the second consecutive year the team received the award for the "Best Respondent Memorandum". We are proud to be the only Bahraini team awarded in this year's edition, and we look forward to the participation in the 24th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, which will take place in Vienna from 9th to 14th April 2017.

CBFS Advisory Committee Meeting



On January 10, The College of Business and Financial Sciences held its College Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for AY 2016-17. The committee members were informed about the official placement of CBFS qualifications in Banking & Finance and International Business on Bahrain's National Qualifications Framework (NQF). Members were also briefed about an improvement plan developed to address the suggestions made in the NQF report. The members were also informed about the updates to the modified RUW MBA proposal. Updates were in relation to majors offered, delivery of the program, role of West Virginia University and qualifications received by MBA graduates. The members were informed of the proposed changes in the study plan wherein Internship, which is currently an elective course would be a required course from AY 2017/18. Discussion were also done as to ways and means of establishing industry linkages to keep up to date with the labour market needs and ensuring courses taught reflect the requirements of employers. Employer surveys, internships and BNF and HR forums were identified as sources for academic-industry linkages.

CBFS Capacity Building Workshop on Curriculum Review



On February 23, The College of Business and Financial Sciences (CBFS) hosted a capacity building workshop as part of the CBFS curriculum review workshop series. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Hala Elias, the Dean of CBFS, where she introduced the curriculum review process and mentioned that the purpose of the process is to provide a framework for academic staff-led critical examination of each program in order to enhance quality of the learning outcomes. She also mentioned that curriculum review process will generate an action plan for improving the program, and the impact of the review will be determined by evidence of successful implementation. Dr. Hala discussed a number of benefits of the curriculum review, which includes: helping each program achieve and further enhance standards of excellence in students' learning experiences; documenting the program's quality relative to previous reviews; providing an evidence-based means by which the impact of existing programs can be assessed; providing information, recommendations, and standards for future reviews of the curriculum; and meeting external stake holders accountability expectations through a credible, transparent and action-oriented review process relative to intended learning outcomes.

College of Law effectively contributed to the Success of the Symposium "Loyalty to Bahrain: The Expatriates Experience"



The College of Law at the Royal University for Women participated in the Symposium "Loyalty to Bahrain: The Expatriates Experience" held at Isa Cultural center on the 13th February 2017 on the occasion of the sixteenth anniversary of the National Action Charter that was held under the patronage Dr. Sh Kalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa vice chairman of Board of Trustees, executive director of Isa Cultural Centre. A delegation from the university attended the symposium headed by the President prof. Mazin Juma and a representative of the college of Law Dr. Amer EL-Saeedi. The participation in the symposium was very effective, where dialogic sessions on Loyalty to Bahrain were held over the time of the symposium and the representative of the college of law, Dr Amer EL-Saeedi was one of the key speakers in the first session of the symposium. In recognition of the Isa Cultural Center for those efforts, center provided a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Royal University for Woman.

RUW E-Library Inauguration



Formal inauguration of 'RUW E Library' was done on 6th Feb, 2017 by Mr. Talal Abdulkareem Al Arab, Chairman Kuwaiti Society for Student Support (KSSS). Prof Mazin, President RUW gave welcome address and this was followed by a presentation on RUW Library with special emphasis on KSSS support by Dr. Sarita Jain, Library Manager. Mr Talal Al Arab expressed his thanks and concern about students and to increase their knowledge and learning capabilities.

Royal University for Women Delegation participates in Meet ICT 2017 Conference



Royal University for Women delegation led by Prof. Mazin Jumaah, RUW President participated in the 7th edition of MEET ICT 2017 Conference held on 07-08 February 2017 at Gulf Convention Centre in Gulf Hotel under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohammed. Meet ICT Conference is being organized in the Kingdom of Bahrain with multiple activities that will enhance the experience of the participants and enable them to exchange knowledge and ideas on difference platforms. As such, the College of IT at RUW have considered all CIT members and students participation in the conference as part of the learning and research experience.

RUW Delegation participates in the Researcher Connect Workshop (Capacity Building for Researchers) organized by the British Council

Royal University for Women delegation participated in the Researcher Connect workshop organized by the British Council held on Thursday 23rd Feb and Saturday 25th February, at Ahlia University, Kingdom of Bahrain. The workshop is designed specifically for early and mid-career researchers, but particular aspects are also of benefit to more experienced members of the research community. The training provides participants with the insights, understanding and tools to communicate effectively, whatever the situation or context. The workshop is offered as a series of modules delivered through a face to face workshop format, by experienced and quality-assured trainers.

Community Education Committee (CEC) Members attend the AIESEC Winter Gala Dinner



On 2nd March, Community Education Committee (CEC) members attended the AIESEC Winter Gala Dinner in Elite Resort & Spa in Muharraq. This networking event was attended by the AIESEC partners, AIESEC members and guests. It was a fruitful and interactive event.

CAD Field Trip to Busaad Art Gallery and to Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research



On February 19, College of Art & Design organized a field trip to Busaad Art Gallery and to Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research. This trip gave the opportunity to the students to see the different types of artworks created by various Bahraini artists and also how it related to the culture of Bahrain. The first stop which was Busaad Art Gallery basically displayed Mr. Busaad's artworks and collections. Here, a variety of the styles that the artist used were seen in his collections of paintings and sketches that were displayed. Other than paintings and sketches of human and animal figures, the artist also created calligraphic designs in some of his artworks. The next place which was visited was the Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research.

Validation Visit from the General Directorate of National Qualifications Framework

As part of the requirement to list the Bachelor of Business in Human Resources qualification on the NQF, the College of Business and Financial Sciences (CBFS) received a validation visit from the General Directorate of National Qualifications Framework (GDQ) on 9th February 2017. The validation event involved a series of interview with RUW senior management representatives, Dean of CBFS, Head of Departments and senior academics. A session was held with the RUW's senior management representatives towards the end to provide verbal feedback.

Artist Talk by Dr. Hanaa Malallah Abdul Razzak at Bahrain National Museum

On February 07, Dr. Hanaa Malallah Abdul Razzak, delivered a lecture titled "Seeing Everyday Fabric through Art and Semiotics" at Bahrain National Museum and Exhibition Centre. Dr. Hanaa's talk is summarized as follows: "EVERY HUMAN BEING IS AN ARTIST. This Joseph Beuys's famous slogan could be expanded and interpreted to; Everything around us and we do, including cooking & clothing etc... could be seen, shown and treated as an artwork. Namely, we could live our life & aspect of our culture as art.

Workshop on "Arabesque East Arabesque West" by Dr. Henna Malallah at Al Barez Gallery

On February 10 & February 11, Dr. Henna Malallah Abdul Razzak, delivered a Workshop titled "Arabesque East Arabesque West" at Al Barez Gallery. The workshop proposes to examine the notion of the Arabesque as an encounter, here in Bahrain, of traditional motifs of the Islamic reflection on the underlying order and unity of nature as it engages and collides with excess of secular Western consumerism. Workshop artwork explore Islamic traditional geometric patterns constructed out of scraps of industrial material, to create images (artwork) which mirror the tragic ruins of our everyday organic life by capitalism.

CAD Field Trip to Bahrain International Garden Show

As part of Bahrain contemporary and future cultural vision, Bahrain held The Bahrain International Garden Show. The event took place at the Bahraini Convention and Exhibition Centre. On February 23, Dr. Janon and Dr. Hisham decided to take both year two and year three students from Architectural department as an educational trip. Students in the Department of Architecture take the course of Landscaping as one of the courses in their study plan. The visit was very beneficial in helping students be exposed to the Bahraini various styles of designing outdoor door spaces and landscape architecture; type of designs, elements, outdoor water features and materials.

CAD hosts Graphic Design Alumna Ms. Muneera Alhussaini as Guest Speaker

Within the activity of alumna engagement, CAD hosted as guest speaker Ms. Muneera Alhussaini to give a talk sharing her experience in Graphic Design and the achievements she did in this field during the four years of BA at RUW starting from foundation studies till the Final Year Project. Foundation students and seniors from Graphic Design program attended the session on 27th Feb 2017.

CBFS Alumnae Advising Week

From January 22 to January 26, The College of Business and Financial Sciences organized Alumnae Advising week. All CBFS alumnae were invited. The main objective of the event week is to provide proper career guidance. Eight students from CBFS with different majors attended the event. The following students Ms. Ramlah, Haya, Asyah, Ameena, Naila, Malak, Asma and Zain Al Khalifa attended during these days. Dr. Arpita and Dr. Elizabeth has given them guidance on career opportunities and explained how to write an impressive curriculum vitae.

OSA organizes the Monthly Residence Activity

On 25th February, the Office of Student Affairs organized the monthly residence activity for the students. They visited several sightseeing places in Bahrain. They started from Bahrain farmers market, Bahrain Garden Show, Bab Al Bahrain and ended in Seef Mall. It was an enjoyable activity with students and the residence supervisors. The next residence activity will be Barbeque Night in the residence garden.

OSA organizes Non-Smoking Workshop

On 26th February, the Office of Student Affairs organized the non-smoking workshop for the students at the university campus. The presentations were held by Dr. Sherif Hamdy Maroof, consultant, Internist & Nephrologist at International Hospital Bahrain and Dr. Najwa Abdulla retired Family physician from Ministry of Health. It was an interactive session. Students found it very informative.